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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Notices

We are in a battle at East Bernstadt, Ky. Brother "Happy" Tom Brooks is pastor here. We are having a fine meeting. Every one pray for us. I am open for calls and will go anywhere.—Virgil Tapscott.

To the pastors and clerks of the Monroe district: I have been appointed district overseer and will visit the churches as soon as possible.—Lloyd Justice, Monroe, Va.

We are in a revival at Shannon, Ga. Pray for the meeting. One has already received the Holy Ghost.—W. E. Feltman, pastor.

I have a trap drum outfit for sale. Will sell very cheap for quick sale. Write me for particulars.—R. L. Rexrode, Davis, W. Va.

The Church of God at Stafford, Brooksville, Fla., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Mrs. Nora Sparkman. If not heard from by our next conference, her name will be dropped.—Mrs. Leila Thompson, clerk, Brooksville, Fla.

Since having been appointed state superintendent of Sunday Schools in South Carolina, I take this means of asking the co-operation of every pastor and local superintendent in the churches. This is a great work and we want to see it go over the top for the glory of God, and unless each of you will co-operate with us we can not do the work as we would like. I'm asking each pastor to see that a report is sent in at the end of each month, also I am asking the Sunday School holding the state banner to be sure and mail it to me on the last Monday in the month so I can send it on to the right school. I thank you in advance for your co-operation. If I can be of any help to you at any time, you may feel free to call on me.

Dear Y. P. E. members, greetings in Jesus' name. Brother Johnson has re-appointed me as our state superintendent for another year, and I am sure I can still count on every one of you to help us make this a greater year for the Y. P. E. than last year was. We were proud of the report we carried to the Assembly but it was through your co-operation and prayers we were able to carry this good report. We appreciate every thing you did to help for truly it is a great work, and we are still expecting your good co-operation and prayers for this year. We want

this to be the greatest year yet. We can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us. We are expecting to have a state Y. P. E. banner this year and will expect you to send us a report each month. Also, there will be a Y. P. E. rally at Greer Church of God the first Sunday in December, beginning at two o'clock. Every one is invited. Y. P. E's, bring your singers and music. Let's have a good time in the Lord.—C. F. Grant, 8 Front St., Saxon, Spartanburg, S. C.

To those wishing to know my address: It is now 26 Chalmers St., Winstboro, S. C.—Geo. W. Cooper, pastor.

To our many friends: We will be glad to get a good letter from you. Our address will be Box 408, New Bethlehem, Pa.—Humbly, M. J. Headley.

To those who may wish to order books from me or correspond with me: My address is changed from Box 124, Marion, N. C., to Canton, N. C.—Humbly, D. H. Delk.

Notes From The General Overseer

I certainly appreciate the way the various ministers, in fact, all our ministers are getting into the work right from the very start it seems.

It was my privilege to attend the Alabama ministers' meeting at Pratt City, Ala. The Lord Jesus was so real there in the services. There was great enthusiasm to make this the greatest year in the whole history of the Church in Alabama. Before the meeting was over several meetings were lined up and special efforts were put forth to make these few days before the Lord comes again, count for God. I am expecting Alabama to do her best, or nearly so, inasmuch that others may think so. Remember, we promised to be back and see how you do.

Our next ministers' meeting was held at Charlotte, N. C., with Brother John L. Stephens. The meeting was well attended with ministers from the various parts of the state, even tho' it was soon after the Assembly, and God was with us. The first night we enjoyed a good subject on the "Importance of Time" by our Brother D. H. Delk and it certainly was soul-stirring. This was followed with a shower of good, live testimonies.

The next day this earnest and eager group of ministers, together with their state overseer, worked hard all day until way into the night, discussing plans, means, and methods for making this the greatest year for the Church of God in

old North Carolina. After a few remarks at the close, there was a spontaneous, unsolicited, unprimed preacher-neck-hugging, and the refreshing shower from glory was indeed such a blessing to all. We felt that God approved such a meeting and the renewed efforts put forth, and I am delighted with the outlook for North Carolina this year.

Come on, brethren, the reward is at the end of the way. Jesus is waiting to reward the faithful.

The evangelists and ministers conducting revivals and meetings in other states outside the one where his membership is, will be expected to send his duplicate reports to the state overseer in whose state he is working, so that the state overseer will be able to record the work done in his respective state. (Note: This also applies to the female ministers.)

We are receiving encouraging reports from the various states about the work. Keep working and praying. God will bless you.

I am in the evangelistic work this year and am open for calls. You may write me at Box 353, Belmont, N. C.—L. H. Powell.

This is to notify the ministers of Virginia that the ministers' meeting of the eastern part of Virginia will convene at Roanoke, beginning on the night of the 21st and continuing through the 22nd. This meeting will include Pulaski district, Roanoke district, Schoolfield district, Monroe district, and Norfolk district. We insist that every minister on these districts be present for we have some important business to be looked into for the benefit of the state.

To the ministers in the western part of Virginia, including Marion district, New River district, Coeburn district, and Clinchfield district: The ministers' meeting for this part of the state will be Nov. 29 at 10:00 a. m. We urge every minister to be present at this time for business. We humbly and sincerely ask every minister to please co-operate with us and help to get work moving on for God and His Church. With love to all.—J. L. Dorman, overseer of Virginia, Box 2264, Roanoke, Va.

To whom it may concern: Old Evangelists for distribution will be very much appreciated.—Miss Amelia DeFino, Rt. 1, Adah, Pa.

To whom it may concern: Our address is 2328 Reynolds St., Brunswick, Ga.—G. B. Langford.

My address is now 902 Lee Blvd. and 9th St., Lawton, Okla.—W. M. Ford.

The Opening of the First Seal

BY HASKELL COMPTON

TEXT: Rev. 5:1, "And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals."

Now we see that the Lamb, which is Jesus, took the book which contained the seven seals, and He opened the first seal. John heard one of the four beasts say, "Come and see." What took place then at the opening of the first seal? Here it is: Rev. 6:2, "And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

Please get in touch with God as we go through this article, for we want all who read this to understand what we are talking about. We don't want any one to misunderstand this subject.

There are so many denominations and sects that believe the rider on the white horse is Jesus, but if we study closely and are prayerful, we will see differently. Paul said in Timothy to study to show ourselves approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of truth. Now this revelation was written after Jesus had died and gone back to glory, because John was cast on the Isle of Patmos for the gospel and a man like the Son of man appeared to him there. They thought they would get rid of old John but the Lord knew where he was and protected him.

The book of revelation is a book that tells about "things which thou hast seen" (talking to John), and the "things which are," also the "things which shall be hereafter," so our text and theme are talking about things that shall yet come to pass. Why would Jesus have wanted to tell John all these things that happened, when He came into the world? This is the answer. Such as Jesus coming to be the Savior of the world, John already knew. Rev. 6:2 says this rider went forth conquering and to conquer. Did Jesus do that when He came at first? He did not. No, the rider in Rev. 6:2 is not Jesus, neither does it have reference to Jesus. When He came they would not receive Him but He said in St. John 5:43, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." Therefore, this rider on the white horse was not Jesus. The Bible doesn't contradict itself and if this were Jesus there would be very much of a contradiction in the Bible, but, thank God, it works out just right and I believe what it says, don't you? Jesus came in His Father's name and

they would not have Him, neither did His brethren believe in Him. St. John 7:5.

Another reason we don't believe the rider on the white horse was Jesus is because when Jesus goes to make an appearing it says who He is or gives proof enough for you to know for sure that it is talking about Jesus the Son of God. You may ask, "Where?" Here it is. Rev. 19:11-16. Look at these scriptures which let you know about Jesus when He starts to do something. They have reference to Jesus, without a doubt.

Again, the rider in Rev. 6:2 is not Jesus the Son of God because this rider has a crown and Jesus was not crowned when He was here, the people would not accept Him, and He won't be crowned until after the seven years' tribulation is over. For proof of this read Rev. 19:12 where it says, "His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself." There is where Jesus comes on the scene with His crowns. He did not have any crown when He was here on earth.

Some people who say the rider with the crown in Rev. 6:2 is Christ, say that this represented the gospel that was to be preached and is now being preached. How can that be when the Church is already caught up in the air, the rapture has already taken place when these seals are opened? Now you will admit with me that the gospel was already being preached when John wrote this. Also, Rev. 4:1 says, "Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." Yes, this was to come to pass after John's time, according to the Scriptures, and have you seen anything like I am telling you come to pass? John had never seen anything like it until the Lord caught Him up in the spirit and then he saw what was coming. He never did see these things happen, neither have you, but if you don't get on the whole armor you will go through the awful tribulations that are coming upon this earth.

Now you may ask me how I know that the church has been caught up in the air. Well, the Laodicean church will come in at the close of the Philadelphian church and the Philadelphian church will be caught up to meet Jesus in the air. These seals are not opened until after the Philadelphian church is caught up. The good old Philadelphian church is the true church and that is the one in which we are now living. Rev. 3:10, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also

will keep them from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Isa. 26:20, 21, "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain."

Yes, I will admit that white pertains to the rider and white horse and I know that white represents or is an emblem of peace and you will see for yourself that Antichrist could use no better emblem than white to deceive the people. You remember the Word says that he will deceive the very elect if possible. Many will be deceived by his charming and clever talk. Jesus said to watch and pray. He told us all about these things coming and we must be wise. Be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves. Matt. 10:16. In Rev. 6:2, this is Antichrist coming on the white horse and since we see that he will deceive the very elect if possible, there must be some sly way he is coming. Yes, he will come in a peaceful manner just to deceive the people. If he were to come fighting or in a destructive way, people would be afraid of him, but he is surely coming in a nice, kind, slippery way.

He will make a one-week covenant with the Jews and things will go along very well for the first part of his reign, according to what he will do in the beginning of the last three years and a half, because he will break the covenant in the middle of the week. That is, for three years and a half he will rule peacefully and then he will break his covenant with the people. The last three years and a half he will rule with evil rulings. You see, he came on the scene at first to deceive the people into his way and I believe a great portion of the people will follow him and will believe he is the Christ, like some today believe the rider in Rev. 6:2 is Christ. It is a sure thing that if he had come on the red horse at first he could never have gotten that covenant fixed with the Jews. Watch and pray, dear ones, the devil is working in every way he can to damn men and women, boys and girls, and he will get some of them. Don't let it be you. Jesus loves you so why not come to Him and live for Him? The devil has blinded many but if you follow Jesus you will have light all

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The Evangel office is running full time. The printers are working with all their might. We are highly pleased with the service in every department.

The printers have surprised us by telling us that in one more week we will be ready to mail out Minutes. Please give us your order at once.

We have begun to receive reports from off the field saying good revivals have closed since the Assembly with great results.

Our Sunday School literature is being rapidly prepared for the first quarter of the year. December will be the mailing month, so please get your orders in early.

The holidays are approaching and we have a nice stock of Christmas cards that can't be equaled in value anywhere. Why not order from the Publishing House and help on the expenses that are now so heavily upon us? Please write us for price list of anything that you may wish to present to your friends in the line of greeting cards, visiting cards, stationery, etc.

From the general conditions in the world, we are more thoroughly convinced now that the coming of Jesus is in the near future, and from the way that Italy is marching through Ethiopia with their tanks and airplanes of poison gas, this certainly must be the fulfillment of prophecy, for the Bible describes the Antichrist and his armies making Ethiopia an ally at the time of the attack of Jerusalem. Remember that this will be after the rapture and it will be during the tribulation week. Ethiopia would have to be subdued before they could have access through their country. We do not believe that Mussolini is the Antichrist, but he has the earmarks of the Antichrist and I

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am sure is a forerunner, while there are many others in the same class—Hitler, Stalin, etc.—all these forerunners will in some measure prepare the people in their governments for the reception of the Antichrist.

HEAR YE INSTRUCTIONS

"Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding," Prov. 4:1. "We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen," John 3:11. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God." 1 John 4:1.

Reader, whoever thou art, that comest to this book for instruction and edification, let the following monitions, the result of long experience and observation, be acceptable unto thee: they are designed for thy spiritual good, will warn thee against errors, and, if complied with, will give thee a true relish of gospel peace and redeeming love. Let the life thou now livest in the flesh be by faith in the Son of God. Labour after a constant soul-reviving fellowship with the Father and the Son, through the Holy Spirit. Watch over thy passions, conduct, and conversation, so that the Spirit of the Lord be not grieved, nor his comfortable influences withdrawn from thy soul. Be ready to every good work, as thou hast ability and opportunity; and take special care that thy good be not evil spoken of through the manner of thy performing it. Let no external services whatever, either respecting thyself or others, make thee neglect a constant watchfulness over the inward motions of thine own heart. Let the written word of God be thine invariable rule, both in principle and practice. Whatever persuasion advanceth not the Redeemer's honour, and tendeth not to magnify His grace, work, and salvation, be sure cometh not of Him that calleth us. Be very earnest after meekness, humility, patience, self-denial, inward holiness, and all other graces of the Spirit; these carry their own evidence that they

are wrought of God, and in their blessed effects will remain with thee forevermore.

"My son, if thine heart be wise, and experienced in these things, my heart shall rejoice, even mine."

Lord, fill my heart with love and joy,
And fill it with Thy precious peace;
So will my tongue find sweet employ,
And bless the Lord my righteousness.

—Golden Treasury.

THE RAM'S HORN SOUNDS OVER JERUSALEM

"And they shall hallow my Sabbaths" (Ezek. 44:24—Israel in the coming kingdom).

The two striking features of Palestinian life today are said to be the revival of the Hebrew language and the revival of the Jewish Sabbath. Prophecy tells us that in the approaching Kingdom age both of these features will characterize that period hence it is interesting to see the Jews already thinking along these lines.

Says the 'B'nai B'rith Messenger':

"Ushered in by the blowing of Shofar, Shabat brings a virtual stand-still to the machinery of commerce and industry. In many places of business, the Friday afternoon preceding Shabat sees the cessation of all activities, so that for many hundreds of workers the week-end means Friday noon to Sunday morning.

"It is a spectacle not without a stir to the imagination to witness the blowing of the Shabat Shofar. In Jerusalem there are approximately ten of these Shofar blowers who take their posts at sundown Friday afternoon to call the city to rest. In the fashion of the Scripture, some of them call to the people from the house-tops. The present writer for instance has frequently on a Friday afternoon heard the blowing of the Shofar from the roof of one of the most centrally-located hotels in Jerusalem.

"The blast of the ram's horn is a signal for the immediate closing of all business doors. In the more modern parts of Jerusalem, this closing while speedily accomplished is nevertheless done with a comparative gradualness. In the sections such as Meah Shearim, where dwell the pious Chassidim, the dispatch takes on a mad celerity that may sometimes bewilder the newcomer. The bargaining stops at once and the shop-keeper may turn away from you and bang the heavy sliding door with a suddenness that may on occasion be breath-taking.

"Not all in Palestine manifestly are pious, yet even the attitude of the free-thinking to the matter of Sabbath observance shows a fine regard for the sensibilities of the more observing Jews. It is seldom, for instance, that one sees a per-

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Lamps That Go Out

DENNIS HOLT

TEXT: *Our lamps are gone out.* Matt. 25: 8.

The parables of our Savior are full of wisdom and beauty. They are intended to convey some great truth so that we may derive that beautiful instruction which is inculcated by them. A parable differs from a fable. A fable is a feigned story of an improbable nature. It is a fabrication. A parable differs from the allegory. The allegory is self interpreting. The parable demands attention, insight, and sometimes an actual explanation. A parable differs from a proverb in that it must include a similitude of some kind while the proverb may assert without a similitude some wide generalization of experience. Therefore a parable is literally a placing beside, a comparison, a similitude, an illustration of one subject by another.

Jesus spake in parable. In our lesson we find the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise and five were foolish. This very impressive parable speaks at once to the understanding, the conscience, and the heart.

Our Savior made no reference to the gay festivities, the wonderful procession, the beautiful mansion, the elaborate wedding, the sumptuous feast. These are not mentioned in the parable. The important lesson that Jesus intends to convey to us is that of preparation for the coming of the Bridegroom. The feast is spread, the invitation is abroad, the Bridegroom is coming, go ye out to meet Him.

Five of these virgins were wise and wholly prepared. Five of them were foolish. They took lamps and vessels, but no oil, and at the very moment when they most needed oil their lamps went out. This is a terrible picture.

What are some of the lamps that go out? One, sinful pleasure is a lamp that goes out. This may be a gloomy picture, but yet it is true. The world is full of mourning, lamentation and woe. We see many dancing along in thoughtless gait, and sporting on the brink of perdition, but this lightless of spirit is transient. Sorrow soon darkens the glare of sinful pleasure and leaves the soul in sad dejection and despair. The lamp is gone out and they are left in darkness. A lamp must be replenished or it will go out. The light of sinful pleasure is shortlived. There is no brightness, no steady flame, no permanent illumination, it is fleeting. It may seem to shine for a little time, but there is nothing to keep it burning and the lamp goes out. It needs oil, the oil of grace divine. There is no illumination

in the heart of those who are living in sinful pleasure. Therefore, they have wandered from the way of truth and the light of righteousness hath not shined upon them, and the sun of righteousness hath not risen upon them. They wearied themselves in the way of sinful pleasure and destruction. Yea, they have gone through desert places where there lay no way. What hath sinful pleasure profited them, or what hath the world with its gilded charms brought to them? All those things are passed away like a shadow and as the post that hasteth by. Their lamps are going out. Oh, that men were wise, and that they understood this, that they would just consider the latter end. She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. It is one of the false lights of the world. Each pleasure has its poison, and every sweet its snare, and yet how fleeting; just the light of the glowworm that must surely go out in the darkness. Their lamps will have gone out when the Bridegroom cometh.

Another lamp that goes out is: Two, the lamp of pride. Proud people appear to be lit up but it is a false illumination. How dim and dull and offensive is the lamp of pride. Pride is not what it appears to be. It is outward show with no inward brightness. The heart that is illuminated with the light of the Lord and fed with the oil of grace divine reflects its brightness in the face, for the face is the index of the soul. Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone. When Jesus was transfigured before His disciples, His face did shine like the sun. And all that sat in the council looking upon the face of Stephen saw his as it had been the face of an angel. It is the oil of grace divine that makes the face to shine. Pride is a lamp that goes out. The Bible says, "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Pride is the short cut to ruin. It is not a real light, it is an artificial affair. There is nothing real in pride. It is unsubstantial, just a fool's paradise. It is a lamp without oil, a lamp without light, a false glare that goes out in the darkness. If we could only hear the yearning cry of the proud we would hear their pathetic pleading, "Give us of your oil, our lamps are going out." This is sadder than it sounds. To be out in the darkness with danger ahead, and without oil in your lamps is fatal. Behold, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. This is a terrible picture. I cannot make it serious enough. But there is one thing sure, the lamp of sinful pleasure, and the glare of pride will

have gone out long before the Bridegroom comes. You need the oil of grace divine.

Three, the lamp of selfishness goes out. A selfish heart is an empty heart. It is without oil and without light. The oil of grace divine cannot be found in a selfish heart. Selfishness is life in the darkness. There is no light in a life of selfishness, or pride, or sinful pleasure. These are all companions of the darkness. The world is full of selfish people living to themselves and for themselves. They are the parasites of society. There is no oil in their lamps, no light in their heart, no brightness in their countenance, no beauty in their character, no radiance in their presence, and no winsomeness in their personality. Their lamp is gone out. Their light is extinguished because of their selfishness. Selfishness belongs to the darkness. Keep your lamps well-trimmed and burning bright. Let your light shine, not only for yourself, but for others.

Remember the fate of those foolish virgins, no oil in their lamps, they were lost. How sad. If there is no oil in your lamp do not wait until tomorrow, come to Jesus and let Him be your light, and at midnight when the cry is heard, behold, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him, you'll be ready. Will you embrace this opportunity? It is the only thing to do because you want to be ready when Jesus comes. Keep your lamps well-trimmed and burning. Behold, the Bridegroom cometh, Go ye out to meet Him.

Please pray for me that I'll have my lamp trimmed and burning and ready to go out to meet Him.

TESTIMONIES

Jesus So Dear To Me

ANDREWS, N. C.—I praise God for His goodness to me. For fifteen years I have served Him. I have found Him so dear to me all the while. I know Jesus is coming after His bride and I expect to be one in the number.

I am in a battle here for God. Please pray that God will help me to do my best for Him and win many souls for Jesus. I want to be a soul winner for Him.—Your humble sister in Christ, Grace Grant.

Wonderfully Healed

BORGER, Tex.—I praise the Lord for His healing power. He healed me when a centipede had bitten my arm. It hurt to the ends of my fingers. I just called on the Lord and trusted Him and He wonderfully healed me. Praise His name! He has been my healer for over seven years. I mean to trust Him to the end. Pray for my husband that he might come to the Lord before it's too late. I desire the prayers of every child of God that I will stand true.—Mrs. Tom D. Smith.

Ye Cannot Serve God and Mammon

BUFORD VOLLRATH

NO man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon," Matt. 6:24.

We find that the words in the above scripture came from the mouth of our Savior as He was preaching on the mount. He was preaching the gospel of the kingdom and was also at this time bringing into the minds of the people just the steps to take to reach the standard of perfection. Paul also while preaching to the Ephesian church said that Jesus would present to Himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, Eph. 5:27. Jesus had just told the people at this time on the mount, for them to be as perfect as the Father which is in heaven is perfect. As He continued to preach He at last told them that they couldn't serve two masters for either they would love one and hate the other, or else hold to the one and despise the other. He also told them plainly that they could not serve God and mammon, or to make it plainer, He told them that they couldn't serve Him and serve mammon too, which means riches or the god of riches which would be an idol god. He at one time told them not to call any man father on earth for one was their Father, even our Father which is in heaven. I want the reader to get it in his mind that you cannot serve God and mammon.

At one time while Jesus was preaching a rich, young ruler came to Him and asked Him what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus began to tell of the commandments that he would have to keep and he told Jesus that he had kept them from his youth up. But Jesus could see the very thing he lacked and told him to sell what he had and give to the poor and come and follow Him. This rich, young ruler had great riches and he went away sorrowful, then Jesus told His disciples that a camel could go thru the eye of a needle easier than a rich man could go to heaven. The disciples replied, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus said, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible." He told them to strive that they might enter in the strait gate.

Beware of covetousness for ye cannot serve God and mammon. The Word says if ye love mother or father, or sister or daughter, or wife, or houses or land more than Jesus you are not worthy of Him. For if we love this world more than God, the love of the Father is not in us.

We find over in 1 Cor. 10:20 21

where Paul is warning the Corinthian church against idolatrous worship. "But I say, that the things that the Gentiles (sinners) sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils; ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and the table of devils." Ye cannot serve God and mammon (or idol gods). In the beginning thru Moses God told the children of Israel that "thou shalt have no other gods before me." If you have anything between you and God, anything that you worship more than God like the rich young ruler did, that is your idol god. You don't have to put up an image and worship it to worship an idol god. Jesus said, "Take heed and beware of covetousness."

If you love this world more than God, or if you have between you and God anything pertaining to worldliness, such as lusting after worldly things, you are not serving God. Jesus says take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat and what ye shall wear. Of course this scripture might be to the ministers but I believe it would be better for the lay members of the Church of God, who are worrying about hard times, to not study so much about this world, but obey God and He has said He would supply our needs. He even fed the children of Israel in the wilderness with manna from heaven. He fed Elijah by the brook with bread that the ravens brought to him. He will supply our needs if we will obey Him.

Jesus goes on in this same message and brings into the minds of the people the little birds and fowls of the air, how He feeds them and they don't reap or toil. And again He says consider the flowers of the field, how He clothes them, and Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like a little flower. He says, "O ye of little faith." Jesus says don't seek after this kind of things but seek after God and ALL HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, or in other words, seek every day to do His will. He says if we will walk uprightly (seek all His righteousness), He will withhold no good thing from us. David said he was once young and then old and had never seen the righteous forsaken and his seed begging bread. So if God feeds the little birds of the air and clothes the flowers of the field, don't you think He will feed and clothe you? Of course you will have to be willing to work for these things for God says that by the sweat of your brow shall you earn your bread, but let's obey God along with this and I

am sure He will bless us, for our heavenly Father knows our every need before we ask Him.

Dear brothers and sisters, I've found out by experience that if we get our minds off of God on earthly things too much we will even lose the desire to do anything for God. It will pay us, especially ministers, to pray and keep our minds on God in these last days. The old devil is doing so many things to draw our minds off of God as much as possible. A real good remedy for this is to pray more and when we read let's read something that will make us more interested in doing something for God. Jesus said if we would abide in Him we could ask anything we would and He would do it. Let's obey Him and abide in Him.

If we don't keep our minds on God, we will not go thru with Him because this is the only way we can continue to have a desire to do something for God. The old devil will, if we let him, put a desire in our minds to do something else that isn't pleasing to God and if we give up to him, we will get to the place we won't have any desire to work for God. The devil will put a desire in your heart, if you will let him, to read Mutt and Jeff, novels, fairy tales and such like. Such things as this and jokes will kill even the very desire to read the Bible. It would pay us not to read anything except the Bible or good Christian literature that will help us to learn more about the Bible for we cannot serve God and mammon. If we neglect this and become careless, which we will if we do this, we will be left here to go thru the great tribulation, to suffer the plagues spoken of in Revelation. Let's pray and read the Bible more and try our very best to keep our mind on heavenly things. It will help us to overcome the devil.

Over in St. Luke's gospel Jesus says, "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and the cares of this life, and so that day (day of His second appearing) come upon you unawares. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things (the tribulation) that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man," Luke 21:34, 36. In conclusion I want to say, please read the story concerning the rich man in Luke 12:16-21. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon. Let's be awake. Awake to righteousness and sin not. David said in Psa. 13:3, "Lighten mine eyes, O Lord, lest I sleep the sleep of death." Beware of covetousness.

MISSIONS

WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT

THE Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." *Psa. 68:11.*

This is a plea for a "Woman's Foreign Missionary Band" in the Church of God, that the women might have meetings at least once a month, or week, to send forth missionaries to the foreign fields. Different denominations do this with what little they have, why not the Church of God, with the blaze of glory that's been revealed to her? When they have their very own missionaries in the foreign fields to hear from, they will be stirred to sacrifice, labor, and toil for the lost souls there, and God will add to, bless, and prosper the home church that sends them.

One woman took in washing to send money to us in China. In days gone by we have seen great numbers out of every church called to the foreign fields, when they received the baptism. Surely if the call was sent forth through the Church of God, there would be a "small army" or a "great company" answer to the foreign fields. Give the women a chance to prove what they can and will gladly and willingly do to obey His last command.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." *Mark 15: 16.* "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . . and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." *Matt. 28:18-20.*

Women have a work and ministry as well as the men. Deborah was not only a prophetess of old, and a judge of Israel, but she went forth to battle with Barak and helped him win. God used Jael to kill Sisera, the great and mighty captain of the host of Jabin, king of Canaan. *Judges 4, 5.* Praise God! He uses the women today. The little captive maid of Israel was God's messenger to bring healing to Naaman, the great and honorable captain of the host of the king of Syria. *2 Kings 5:1.* Esther, the young Hebrew captive maid, was raised above all the women and obtained grace and favor in the king's sight and she was made queen and God used her to set her people free. *Esther 2:17; 5, 6.*

Yes, He has a work for us and may He use us to set His captive free! May that golden scepter be held out to the women of the Church of God (*Esther 5:2*), that the Mission Board holds in its hand. This is the age of women. Men fail to answer

God's call to the foreign fields and women have taken it up. Statistics of every foreign board show great numbers of women sent and very few men. Most of our party were women. In other churches 'tis the women who send them forth too. Men are very busy making money for themselves and their families and that disease has affected even the preachers and some are in the Church of God! They fail God in this country. How much more would they fail in another!

If you are thirsty a tin cup is as good as a glass. It makes no difference what kind of a vessel you drink from, just so it is clean. So the heathen rejoice to drink the "water of life" from any kind of vessel God sends, just so it is clean. Glory to God! "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." *Psa. 68:11.*

We boast of the Church of God being the only church, then what are we going to do with the heathen, for God will require them at our hands? "When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel." *Ezek. 33:7, 8.*

There's no Church of God in India, Africa, China, many isles of the seas, England, Ireland, Scotland, or Cuba. Let the word go forth to the women of the Church of God, that there's something more for them to do than wash dishes, feed the chickens and pigs, dig potatoes and care for babies. There are spiritual babies to be born into the kingdom of God and to be nurtured in the Word till they become full grown members out of every nation, so the Bride of Christ will be ready for the coming of the Bridegroom! "Watchman, what of the night?" *Isa. 21:11.*—In His great army, Mrs. Minerva Belle Moss, Rt. 1, Stanwood, Mich.

Note: I am sure that Sister Moss' spirit is in harmony with the best interest of the foreign work. While it is true that each local church should pray and aid those who have a call to the foreign fields, it is true that the Assembly has ruled that all this work or passing on those who have this call, their qualifications, and taking care of their expenses, is in the hands of the Mission Board. After the churches have done their best in raising funds and aiding those who are

called, all this should be transferred to the Mission Board for their final approval.—Editor.

REQUESTS

Please pray for me that I will get back to the Lord. Pray for the healing of my eyes. Remember my children in prayer that they will be saved. Pray for two brothers to receive the Holy Ghost, and for a sister, that the Lord will help her and provide for her and her children. Pray for my brother to be saved.—A sister.

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We started a revival three weeks ago and God has been wonderfully blessing. Fourteen have been saved, twelve sanctified, and eleven filled with the Holy Ghost and reclaimed, seven baptized in water and eight added to the church. Brothers Joe McCall and Lawson Culpepper have been with us and Brother Rhoden came later. Other ministers have also visited us. The revival is still going and people are praying through. Pray that God will continue to bless. This is the best revival I have been in for years. When we started we called a fast day and God spoke to us through the Holy Ghost and said He would honor it.—J. J. Culpepper, pastor, Bethel church near Melrose, Ga.

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Joy Awaits the Faithful

BY MRS. ETHEL LEE ARTHUR

SINCE I have been so graciously and I might say miraculously spared after I had given up hope of ever being well again, there is a greater desire in my heart to do all the good I can in every way I can. I feel constrained by the love of Christ to write this message with a prayer, that He may use it to comfort and encourage many believers and warn and awaken many, many unbelievers.

Isa. 65:17-19, "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying."

I love to contemplate the coming of joy that awaits the faithful servants of the Lord. I love to behold with an eye of faith, that wonderful City of Light, with walls of jasper, and gates of pearl, the river of life flowing from the throne of God, clear as crystal, with its wide spreading tree of life on either side of the river, and above all, the wonderful, adorable King in His beauty, without whom there would be no glory even in that city fair," for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof." Rev. 21:23.

I love to think of the day when every cause for tears will be forever removed, when the last enemy, death, will be destroyed, when there will be no more sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away, "And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful," Rev. 21:3-5. To this agree the words of the prophet, Isaiah 65:17-19. He is not speaking of old Jerusalem, but of the new Jerusalem that John saw descending upon the earth. It is really coming, for the Lord showed it to the Prophet John in a vision that he might tell us that he saw it, Rev. 21:2; 22:1. All down the ages God's children have been journeying toward that city whose builder and maker is God. We are strangers and pilgrims in a strange land, but we are seeking a city which hath foundation. The road is not always smooth, but often rugged and steep. Oh! how often our spirits have been lifted above earth's troubles and trials as we have sung that precious old hymn, "Oh that home of the soul, in my visions and dreams, its bright jasper walls I can see. Till I fancy but thinly the veil intervenes between that

fair city and me." It is so sweet and precious to my soul, that I believe I will write it all, hoping it will inspire and encourage others who are tried and tempted, even as it has me. "That unchangeable home is for you and for me, where Jesus of Nazareth stands, The King of all Kingdoms forever is He, and He holdeth our crowns in His hands. Oh, how sweet it will be in that beautiful land, so free from all sorrow and pain, with songs on our lips, and with harps in our hands, to meet one another again."

Thank God for the precious songs of Zion. We, who have had our homes broken up by death, and the many changes that make our hearts sad, friends and loved ones who have been long separated by the cruel enemy of death, will be reunited and we will know each other even as we are known. Our love and sympathy for each other will be increased, and will continue throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity, never again to be broken by death. Our homes will never be destroyed by fire, earthquakes, or storms. The taxes or rent will never come due on those mansions that Jesus has gone to prepare, in that land it is fairer than day, where no storm cloud will ever rise or break upon its peaceful shores.

"My people shall dwell in a peaceful habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." Isa. 32:18. "Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise." Isa. 60:18. We will never have any fear that the ages to come will bring an end to our happiness, but words fail me to describe all the beauty and splendor; it is far beyond our comprehension, yet it is true. Thank God! And the life of the saved in that eternal home will be just as real as the life here, but that is not all. What a pity that there is a dark side to this beautiful picture, but the dark side is only for the rejecters of His grace. Thank God, He has made ample provisions for every human being of every race and tribe, but I would not do justice if I closed without a word of warning.

Volumes could be written on this side of the picture, but I don't like to dwell upon it, but for the love we have for those who are out of the ark of safety, for the careless and indifferent, for the moral man who feels safe and secure in his own righteousness, and for the poor wretched soul who is down in the mire of sin and feels there is no hope for him, that no one loves or is concerned about him, and

for all who are deceived and oppressed by the enemy of all righteousness, if you have no assurance that your name is written in the book of life, this side is just as real and true. Let us turn now to the other side.

Rev. 20:10-15, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophets are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Solemn thought! This brings to view the judgment seat of Christ and as it is written, we MUST stand before the judgment bar. Here we have the power of choice. He suffers us to choose our own Master. We can, if we will, serve and obey Him and gain a home in that heavenly country, but if we will not, then He does not force any man, nor does he intrude on any. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man will open (his heart) the door I will come in and will sup with him, and he with me." But then, whether we will to or not, we must appear before the great judge of all the earth. You will be there and I will be there. We will see the Judge and must abide by His decision. You cannot hide. There will be no place. You cannot bribe God. Acquittal cannot be bought with money. You cannot deceive Him, a lie will not avail. Can you face the Judge with confidence? "If our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our heart and knoweth all things." 1 John 3:20. Are you ready for that great day of all days? Have you accepted Christ as your personal Savior. Does His blood cover your soul? There is time now, but there will be no time then. Do not be deceived by the wiles of Satan. He will take you captive if he can. But Jesus warns you and invites you to come. All the glories of that fair city invite you to come. "The Spirit and the bride say come, and let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will let him take the water of life freely."

Requests

Please pray a special prayer for my husband, that God will save his poor lost soul. His mind is not good at times. There is one thing between him and God that he thinks he can't give up. The devil is trying to tear up my home. I want to raise my children in the fear of the Lord and put them in a Church of God Sunday School, so pray for me to get closer to God.—A sister in trouble, Georgia.

I am seriously afflicted and ask the saints to pray for me. Ask God to grant me repentance and draw me nearer to Him. Also pray for my wife.—Luther Harris, Duty, Va.

I request prayer for the healing of my body of a rupture. I am the only one saved in my home and I have many hard trials. Pray for my unsaved loved ones to be saved.—Marra Hampton, Bluefield, W. Va.

Please pray that God will save lost souls as we are in a meeting.—Dora Ferrell, clerk, Hubball, W. Va.

I request prayer for my little sister who is badly afflicted. She is eleven years old and can't talk or even feed herself. Pray that the Lord will save her father. Also pray for my husband to be saved.—Magdalene Thacker, Brice, Ga.

I have been in poor health for about six years and at this time I have a hurting in or around my heart and there is a sore spot near my shoulder on my left side and I cough a good bit. Please pray for me. I am trusting the Lord.—Mrs. Bun E. Hicks, Wytheville, Va.

Pray that my little daughter will be healed of infantile paralysis.—Mrs. D. Kasey, Rt. 1, Jeffersontown, Ky.

Saints, pray for me. I am hardly able to be up. I have something wrong with my left foot and my nerves are all undone. Pray that God will send us a pastor for this needy place. Souls are hungry for the gospel.—Mrs. Herbert Greenwood, Rt. 1, Box 22, Iuka, Ill.

I am down with rheumatism and want you to pray for the Lord to heal me. I have been helpless a week.—Tom Pearson, Rt. 1, Pikeville, Tenn.

I ask that you pray for a friend, Mrs. Gladys Chaple, who has T. B. in the last

stage. She has lost her speech. She doesn't know much about holiness. She has four little children. Pray for God to heal her for His glory. She is in a new field and it will mean lots for her to be healed.—Mrs. Ben Smith, Troy, Tenn.

We are now in a revival at Middletown, Ohio. The Lord is blessing wonderfully and the altar is filled each evening. Several have been blessed in the healing service. Pray that God will give us a great outpouring of His Spirit.—John D. Raynor, pastor, Dayton, Ohio.

Pray for the Lord to heal my body. I have something like flying rheumatism and can hardly use my hands sometimes.—Mrs. Ella Baker, Rt. 2, Heath Springs, S. C.

My brother and mother have fever and I ask that you pray for them to be healed. Also pray for Nat. Blankenship to be saved.—Mrs. John Many, Paint Fork, N. C.

We are in a wonderful revival here in the beautiful little city of Robbinsville, N. C., in the court house, assisted by Brother Carl Campbell of Cleveland, Tenn. The Lord is wonderfully blessing, many have prayed thru. The crowds at times are so large that hundreds are turned away for lack of room. We believe we could organize a church now with probably twenty-five. Many of the best people are looking this way and say they want to become members of this wonderful organization. Pray for us.—T. L. Willix.

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Bible School Echoes

I am praising the Lord for His many blessings to me. We are glad to be back in B. T. S. again. Our hearts have been made glad for this glorious opportunity.

We are not here just for a good time, but we are here to study the Book we love so dear, 2 Tim. 2:15, and to better qualify ourselves for the service of the Lord.

You who have been wanting to come to school, keep on praying and believe the Lord is able to make a way for you. Pray for me.—Vance Perkins, Macon, Ga.

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I'm glad to say I'm back in Bible School again. Truly it's a blessing to be able to attend B. T. S. here in Cleveland, Tenn., with the wonderful student body we have this year, also the faculty that is so interesting, and patient with us.

I believe I am expressing the sentiment of the entire student body when I say we're glad to have Brother Zeno C. Tharp as our superintendent since Brother J. H. Walker has been changed to General Overseer. I don't know of anyone better than Brother Tharp for superintendent.

I am pastoring the church at Sweetwater, Tenn., and I can say that God is blessing the work there. I believe we will have a new church building by the first of the year. All who read this pray for the work there.—A brother in Christ, E. A. Henson, 107-24th St., Cleveland, Tenn.

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I'm glad to be back in school. Truly words cannot express my gratitude toward God for making it possible to be here in B. T. S. again. With a more conveniently arranged school, larger faculty, added subjects in all departments, one need not go unlearned.

Happenings in school and God's blessings are so numerous that it would require too much space, but a few things I will mention. On Monday evening, the school opening, four of the students were saved, one sanctified, and one received the Holy Ghost. One day three class periods were taken up in prayer when God's power was felt coming down.

We have a goodly number in school, about one hundred and twenty. I am sure not any student appreciates being in school more than I. It seems still like a dream.

May God bless the one who would like

to be here and can't, and the one that could and would not come.—Verle Sears.

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Dear Evangel readers everywhere:

Greetings in Jesus' name. Truly I can say that "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

I certainly feel thankful for another privilege to be in B. T. S. I give to God the praise for making the way. Too, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to each of those on the field for their contribution.

School is getting along fine. We love Brother Tharp. He is certainly a good teacher and we bespeak for him great success as Superintendent of B. T. S.

I ask an interest in the prayers of my many friends throughout the States and Canada, that I will make good, be more efficient and a greater blessing to the lost and fallen race. Those of my friends on the field, my prayer and desire for you is, "May God's richest blessings ever rest and abide with you." And if at anytime: you care to write to me, I will be glad to hear from you. Remember me when you pray.—T. C. Franklin.

I Wonder

I've thought and thought and thought
And wondered what to say;
To help a precious wandering boy,
For whom I love to pray.

He's kind to me, yes very kind,
There's naught that he won't do,
To help this glorious cause along,
And this I know is true.

Yet, this dear heart is still unsaved,
He's still outside the fold;
The pasture where he's feeding now
Is barren, bleak, and cold.

He does not see the clover field,
Prepared by One above!
Nor does he see the "Loaf of Bread"
Sent down from Heaven with love.

Oh, sinner friend, just look ahead,
Do not longer wait;
Just look beyond this veil of tears,
See Jesus at the gate!

And angels playing harps of gold,
And singing anthems sweet;
To take your weary feet from earth
Your happy soul to greet!

Oh, do not stay outside, my friend,
Step through the open door;
Christ Jesus stands and calls to you,
Oh! hear Him, I implore.

Trusting the one this is intended for may
get this paper.—Clara Mullikin.

The person who has a rebellious spirit
will cause his brethren much grief and
will end in spiritual bankruptcy.

Way Grows Sweeter

I praise the Lord for taking care of me during my spell of fever which I had last August and one week of September. My fever went to one hundred five. At times I didn't remember much. My son came to me several times and begged me to let him get a doctor and I told him no. Praise God, I had a doctor.

One night about two o'clock I was so sick. My fever was one hundred five and my son was so uneasy he again asked me to have a doctor. I told him I didn't want any of these doctors. If I had one I'd want a godly doctor. He asked me if Dr. Mitchell of Pineview was all right and I told him yes. Early the next morning Dr. Mitchell came in my room. He knew I didn't want any medicine. He prayed for me, he and Brother Harwood, and I began to get better. Thank God. I'm up going. My hair is most all out but I didn't have it cut.

Oh, I can't praise God enough for His goodness and the way He has blessed me. I haven't had a drop of medicine since May 1929, and in June of the same year God filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost. Praise His name forever, He still abides. The further I go, the sweeter He is. Oh, glory to God, I mean to go all the way with the dear Lord by His help.

I could feel the arms of the Lord around me through my sickness. I'm not one bit afraid to trust God with my body.

During a storm in Florida it was very rough where I was and the little home I was in was not the best, but I wasn't one bit afraid. I knew God would take care of me. I love God the best of all in this world. I thank God for my neighbors. Who is your neighbor? They are the ones who take care of you when you aren't able to care for yourself. One sister gave me her bed and went off to get her a bed at her niece's. Her daughter is a trained nurse and a sister in The Church of God with the Holy Ghost and she nursed me to health. Who is your neighbor but such as this sister?

My sister from Tampa, Fla., came and helped nurse me also. Oh, I thank and praise God for these good sisters. I praise God for healing my body and thank God for Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell. They would have me come to their house before I was hardly able to come. I was very poor, but now I'm getting stout and strong. I had to learn to walk again.

I covet the prayers of all of God's children that I will stand true and be just what the Lord would have me be. The Lord has something in store for me and I want all to pray for God to reveal it to me. I can feel it.—Your sister who loves the Lord, Mrs. Nora Shepherd, 716 E. Shawnee St., Fitzgerald, Ga.

Death Notices

BARLOW

Our dear baby, Freddie Lee Barlow, died Oct. 10, 1935.—Mrs. W. E. Barlow.

WHITTEN

Sister Martha Whitten died Oct. 28, 1935, at the age of sixty-eight years. She was a member of the Church of God and was a loving wife and mother and we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.—Ollie Gillett, Scobey, Miss.

NIX

Mrs. Hazel Drymon Nix died Sept. 15, 1935. She was one of our faithful members of the Church of God, also organist. The funeral was conducted by Brothers Earl Ledford, Frank Miller, and W. L. Ramsey, her pastor, Scaly, N. C.

DRAPER

Leslie F. Draper died July 31, 1935. He was a loyal, sanctified member of the Church of God at Lewistown, Mont. The funeral was conducted by M. L. Lowe.

ABSHER

Silas Absher, son of Lester and Beatrice Absher, died Oct. 23, 1935, at the age of one year, ten months, and eighteen days. Funeral services were conducted by T. C. Wiggins, Elbert Jennings, and the writer.—L. L. McDaniel, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

TIDAY

Brother Elmer Clyde Tiday, age thirty-three years, eleven months, and twelve days, died Oct. 14, 1935. He was an exhorter and loyal member of the Church of God at Manns Choice, Pa. He was a faithful husband and kind father and is survived by his companion and six children. He was in service Sunday night, Oct. 13, and his wife was awakened Monday morning and found him past speaking. It was a happy morning for him but a sad one for his wife and children. He has fought the battle of life victoriously and laid down the cross for a crown. His wife and two older children belong to the church. We believe God will help her train her children to fear and love the Lord and walk hand in hand with them.—Miss Gladys Greene, Manns Choice, Pa.

ALBRITTON

Mrs. S. E. Albritton was born Jan. 26, 1893 and died June 16, 1935. The funeral service was conducted by Brothers Newel Henry and Perry Tomlinson and interment made in the Tily, Fla., cemetery.—Her daughter, Novella Phillips, 612 28th St., Manatee, Fla.

KERCE

Little Gynn Ellen, baby daughter of Brother and Sister Roy Kerce of near Fort White, Fla., died Oct. 25, 1935, at the age of two years, eleven months, and four days. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and interment made in the Ellisville cemetery. Brother Kerce is an evangelist in the Church of God.—Paul Taylor, their pastor.

Rapid Growth of Sunday School Celebrated

LEESBURG, Fla.—We praise the Lord for being with us in a wonderful way on Oct. 20th. We celebrated the rapid growth of our Sunday School. The morning message was given by Brother Pinion, our state evangelist. The Lord anointed this message which was "Lifting Up the Standard." This spurred all members to live a more consecrated life. This was followed by an anointed testimony by Sister "Happy" Lee. Brother Fussell also gave a short talk on James 1:26 which was enjoyed. The Center Hill quartet sang several selections which we always enjoy.

In the afternoon Brother Corley, our pastor, gave a short talk on the rules of the Church and an opportunity for membership to those worthy of being added.

Eleven were fellowshiped into the church, five by transfer. The Lord blessed in this service. Brother Searcy gave a ten minutes talk on "Patience", followed by a praise service led by Sister Searcy. The afternoon message was given by Brother Camp of Linden church, his message being "The Church and not A Church." This was really helpful to all. Praise the Lord! Brother Camp, his wife and another sister sang several selections.

The day was enjoyed by all, and we hope to have such another one in the near future.—A sister in Christ.

New Work Growing

SLATE SHOALS, Tex.—I praise the dear Lord this morning for His saving power. Bless His good name! We have just a small band of saints here. Brother L. C. Pennington of Blossom, Tex., set the church in order April 2, 1935, with eighteen members and Sister Worrell has been taking care of the work. The dear Lord blessed wonderfully in our meeting. Three were saved and others are seeking. Pray for us. We have a good little Sunday School, good attendance. We have also organized a nice Y. P. E. and it is growing. Pray for us to stay humble before the Lord and do His will.—A sister in Christ, Mollie Henry, clerk.

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Only Stand True

ELBERTON, Ga. — Dear Evangel readers: I praise God for what He has done for His children in this part of the country. We sent for Brother L. G. Rouse sometime ago. He came and prayed for us. My brother-in-law had ulcer of the stomach and he could eat only a light diet, but since Brother Rouse prayed for him he can eat almost anything he wants to. When he would eat one bit of heavy food before it would nearly kill him. Though his stomach still hurts him sometimes, he is still able to eat. Some said he could have been eating all the time if he just would, but praise our God, I know He did what was done and I praise Him for it.

Brother Rouse prayed for me and God healed me. People who are against this way have much to say. Jesus is coming soon, surely it can't be long, holiness is hated so badly. But, oh glory, we who stand true will rise with Jesus and outshin the sun. I love The Church of God and wish I lived close to my church, but I know God is blessing there.

I ask all who read this to pray for me, for I mean by the help and grace of God to make heaven my home. I was sick this week and given up to die, but Jesus spared me, for I am trusting Him. Bless His name! To all the Langley, S. C., church who read this, please pray for me. I remember the happy days when I was with you.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Mike Grimes, Rt. 6.

Jesus Did The Work

NEWPORT, Tenn.—I am happy to report victory in my soul. I thank God for what He has done for us and for what He will do for us if we will only let Him. On Oct. 20th our baby girl three years old was playing, as well as ever, we thought. She came in the house and in thirty minutes was lifeless. We, of course, were scared so much that instead of falling on our knees and asking God to heal her, we called a doctor. The man came and did all he could. He said her fever was 103 and she was in a serious condition. Then we were afraid to give her medicine. Don't you see, without faith it's impossible to please God? We then called for the saints to come and pray for her. She got some better, but on Monday was worse than ever. We threw that medicine away and called the saints again, and we stayed on our knees until victory came. Glory to God! This morning she is well and Jesus did the work.

There is only a small number here at Newport but God surely is blessing. Many folks are seeing the light. We have only twelve members and a good pastor, but we are getting along finely. We don't even have a building to worship in, al-

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though we have a place to build and we will soon have a church building that Newport will be pleased with. The devil is fighting and the Lord is blessing. We have our Sunday School in the grove and our preaching service at our house.

Any one wishing to write me I will appreciate it. I would like to get a letter from Sister I. H. Brabson as she and her husband were a great help in leading me in this good way. Pray for me and my family. I have two little girls and the oldest one has never been very strong. Pray for her, also that my husband may be sanctified.—A sister in Christ, Myrtle Holt, clerk, c/o Blazer Store.

REQUESTS

I want the saints to pray that God will help me get my baby. I haven't seen her in nearly eight months. She is the only girl of a family of six children and it is a hard trial. Pray that God will save my husband and completely heal my body.—A sister, Lillie Tipton, Faxon, Okla.

Please pray for the Lord to heal my body. I want to be able to walk and talk as long as I live if the Lord is willing. If anybody wants me to come to their place, let me know at once. I stand for the whole Bible rightly divided and trust God for soul and body. It doesn't make any difference what gets wrong with my body, all I want is for you to pray for me. For reference write E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary.—Your sister, Mary Lynch, 104 Second St., Thomaston, Ga.

Please pray for me to be healed and get closer to the Lord. Pray that my husband will be saved.—Annie Lou Kent, 118 Ave. L, Thomaston, Ga.

Pray for me that I may be healed and that the Lord will provide a place for me for another year.—George Bishop, Rt. 3, Thomaston, Ga.

Please pray that God will deliver a boy here who is in a very critical condition. Also pray for the church at Marvel, Ala.—Ozero Yeager and wife.

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Word Given Forth Not in Vain

RAVIA, Okla.—On Aug. 26th our pastor, Brother R. S. Collins, and Brother Edmond Starkie, Sister Mary Pierce and other workers started a revival at Bullard Prairie, four miles northeast of Ravia. The Lord wonderfully blessed the ones who gave out the Word and it did not go forth in vain. We had a four weeks' revival with thirteen saved, ten sanctified, six baptized with the Holy Ghost, ten baptized in water and eight added to the Church of God. The water baptismal service was just fine, there was shouting and weeping, even the sinners wept. They have a Sunday School started and have prayer meeting Thursday and Saturday nights.

An Indian man was among the number who got the full experience and came into the church. He is a real worker for the Lord. My mother was also among the number who was saved and sanctified. She is sixty-two years old. I have been praying for her to come this way for thirteen years. It pays to wait on the Lord. She also came into the church. When I started this way my folks, my husband and his folks were against me, but I turned them over to the Lord, and my husband started this way ten years ago. Our home is a home of prayer. We have two little girls who have started to make heaven their home. Pray for my unsaved boy and wandering brother. Pray for us that we might make the rapture. —A sister in Christ, Mrs. Henry Franks.

Healed of Broken Arm

DUNELLON, Fla.—I thank God for His healing power. On Saturday, the 31st of August, my little seven-year-old son, Edward, fell off a slider at school and broke his left arm. When I went to meet him and looked at his little arm I almost fainted myself. I asked him if he wanted me to call a doctor and let him set his arm and he began to cry and said, "Mamma, I don't want a doctor. I want you all to pray for me." I thank God for the faith that he had in Jesus. I sent for my sister in the flesh and two other sisters and we prayed and God wonderfully blessed. His arm stopped hurting him. Many of the sinners came in and some of them told me I had better have a doctor to set his arm, or by morning it would be swollen so big we couldn't do anything with it, but it did not swell until the following Wednesday, and older people said it had to swell some to knit back together. It never did swell much, thank God. We went to church that night and prayed for him again. I knew that if the Lord didn't come to our rescue he would have a crooked arm the rest of his life, but He said He would never leave us nor forsake us and His Word is true.

My little boy's arm is straight and looks good to me. Glory to God! I feel good in my soul. I feel more like trusting the Lord. We have been trusting the Lord for six years, but this was the worst test, or at least none of us had ever had any broken bones before. I guess the devil tried to scare me, but the Lord took all of my fear away. Bless His name! I knew He was able to heal broken bones, and when I believed He would do it, the work was done. Edward hasn't missed a day from school nor a night's sleep with his arm. The Lord has healed us many times. Pray for us that we will always stay true to God.—A sister in Christ, Phenia Odum.

Y. P. E. and Sunday School Convention Report

Our first Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention which was held at Markleysburg, Pa., was a real success. God blessed from the beginning to the end. All of the Y. P. E's or Sunday School workers were not represented but those that were here from the different churches were well repaid. There were some fine talks given, also the good special singing and music was enjoyed.

We were pleased to have Brother and Sister Stoppe and Brother and Sister Thomas from Washington, D. C., and Brother and Sister Rouse and family with us. Several people were healed Sunday afternoon. Hallelujah, it's just like Jesus. When we trust Him He comes to our rescue.

We can report that the Y. P. E's in Pennsylvania are real live wires for God.

Our young people are seeing their responsibility and are putting their shoulders to the wheel and working for God. It was proved that they can go ahead with a convention just like the older folks. God's approval was upon them.

Then too, we have a good report for our Sunday Schools. Most of them have increased in attendance, some even doubling their number. We are sorry to say there are still a few who are failing to report their percentage of attendance every month. We wish each pastor would see to it that his Sunday School reports regularly every month.

The closing night of our convention we started a revival with Brother Harry Long doing the preaching. God blessed through the two weeks with ten or twelve saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water, and nine added to the church. The last night of the revival we had communion and feet washing. Surely we can all say God set His approval on this service as we wept and cried, shouted and danced for Him. My only desire is to draw closer to Him and do His will. Remember me in your prayers.—Mrs. Clara Koshewitz.

NOTICE

To the churches in Kansas: We are now in the state and want to hear from you. Write us freely. We will visit you at the earliest date possible. Send state mission money to W. R. Bolte, 1019 E. 14th St., Pittsburg, Kans. Our address will be 1019 E. 14th St., Pittsburg, Kans.—J. M. Snyder, state overseer.

PICTURES

Of the 30th Annual Assembly

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LITHONIA, Ga.—I praise God for the wonderful way of holiness and the great Church of God. Although it is sad to be deprived of the privilege of attending services, it is sweet to know His sweet presence can be with us all along. I am looking forward to the time when we, the children of God, will meet to never part.

There used to be a flourishing little church at Lithonia but some way the enemy scattered the flock. There were only two left, my husband and I, so we had our membership moved to Atlanta Church of God. The work has never started back at Lithonia yet, but I hope some day there will be a wonderful little church there.

I would like to speak a word in behalf of missions. I love mission work because it is God's plan. If I had any money to give, it would be to missions, but all I can do is pray.

There is a dear saint of God here who has not had the privilege of being in a Church of God meeting in nine years. Please pray for her. I ask the saints everywhere to pray for me and my family also. I want to see my children saved and in this way of holiness.—A sister under the blood, Lillie Skinner.

A True Friend

Dear Evangel readers, I praise God for what He means to me. He has done wonderful things for us, whereof we are glad. I praise Him for His great healing power. Our little boy, Dowell, had chills and fever for nearly three weeks. We thought he was going to die, but God heard our prayers and wonderfully healed his body. Praise His wonderful name! He is such a true friend in time of need.

I praise Him for healing me. Last summer I had the measles and was very low, but Jesus healed me. He also healed my two little boys and He has healed us of chills, fever and boils many times. I had about fourteen styes on my eye. I nearly lost my eyesight but Jesus healed me. Glory to God!

Dear ones, hold on to God. He will take us through every trial if we will only trust Him. He wants a tried people. Without faith it is impossible to please God, so hold on to God, for He is coming soon to take us away from this world to that home He went to prepare for His children.

Please pray for us that we will stand true to the end and be ready to meet the Lord when He comes, for He said in His Word, "Pray that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that are coming upon the world."—Mrs. Bertha Sharpe, Cherry Valley, Ark.

Praise God For Divine Healing

LOOP, Tex.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise my blessed Lord for saving, sanctifying and giving me the sweet Holy Ghost, for which I am so thankful. I haven't been in the good old Church of God but a little over two years. I never had the opportunity to go to The Church of God.

I didn't know anything about the Church until a dear, sweet neighbor moved close to me. I heard she was holiness. I was the only one in that community who even believed holiness. I had been saved in a holiness meeting but not a Church of God meeting. Those people believed you could keep the Holy Ghost and still use that old filthy snuff and tobacco. I didn't believe that you could.

When this Church of God lady moved close to me I was sick and had been for almost two years. I had spent much money for medicine. I believed in divine healing, but it seemed I couldn't fully trust the Lord. I am glad I was honest-hearted, I was glad to sit at that good sister's feet and let her tell me about how wonderful the Lord is and that He could heal me. I made up my mind to trust the Lord, and two years ago, the first night of May, the Lord sanctified me and gave me heaven's good Holy Ghost and wonderfully healed my body, and I am still healed. Praise His name! The Lord healed me when the doctors said nothing but an operation would do any good. God can heal anything if we will just live close enough to Him and pray the prayer of faith. I want all of you saints who know the worth of prayer to pray for me and my little thirteen-year-old boy that we will hold on to the Lord and tell about

Him to people who do not know God. We are away from church and can't go often, so pray for us that we will stay in the center of His will. Pray a special prayer for my unsaved husband and three oldest children. I am still praising God for sending Sister McCoy to be my neighbor, for I guess I would be out in sin now if it hadn't been for her.—Your sister under the blood, Bessie Mack.

Special!

The writer set a new church in order at Creal Springs, Ill., Oct. 15. We have twelve members at this place to begin with and hope to have others soon. We have worked in Creal Springs for some time to try to start a work there, and when I came back from the Assembly I found that our dear Brother Daulton Short and Brother Christy had things all set for a church at that place. We left Brother Short in charge of this work as pastor. Please pray for this new work.—J. R. Thomas, district overseer.

EDITORIALS

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son, however liberal his religious views may be, walking in the street with a cigarette in his mouth—on the Sabbath.

"Beyond this desire to respect the feeling of the more religious, there is probably, it is true, another motive which makes for the same conformity. It is the feeling once expressed by Achad Haam, when he declared that it is incumbent on the Jew to keep the Sabbath, for in the last analysis, it is the Sabbath which has largely kept the Jew."—*Prophecy*.

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the way.

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Since we see that he is going to break his covenant with the Jews that is enough to prove that the rider on the white horse in Rev. 6:2 is not Jesus but an evil one and he will fix things so that every thing will be ready when the rider and the red horse come out. He will cause greater trouble for the people so you had better make up your mind to go in the rapture and miss all this trouble.

How do we know that the rider on the white horse will do things to deceive the people? Because he will cause craft to prosper, and through this policy also he shall magnify himself in his heart and by peace destroy many. He will also stand up against the prince of princes but he shall be broken without hand. Oh, can't you see this is not Jesus? When Jesus comes you will all know it. When Jesus came He did not cause craft to prosper, neither did He make a seven-year covenant with the Jews. He didn't use such ways of doing business as Antichrist will. Jesus does things in the right way and Antichrist will do things in the wrong way.

Many people say that some of the seals have been opened but they have not. Read God's Word and see for yourself. When the first seal is opened the rider goes forth conquering and to conquer. Yes, Antichrist will do that but Jesus did not conquer when He was here, so that does not represent the going forth of the gospel, neither the coming of Jesus when He was born of the Virgin Mary. The things we are talking about are things to be, not things that have passed. The Lord showed John things that should be hereafter and these are the things we are talking about, they are yet to come. You may say that even the second seal has been opened but it has not because that rider went out to take peace from the earth and cause men to kill one another. Rev. 4:1 says that these things shall be hereafter and as yet they have not happened and they won't happen until after the church has been taken away and the qualified ones have gone in the rapture to eat the Marriage Supper, so get on fire for the Lord. If you are lukewarm you will be left to go through the awful tribulations. Blessed

and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection. Some people believe that the resurrection is past. 2 Tim. 2:18 says, "Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some." This was spoken after Jesus had been resurrected. Be sure your thoughts are right and your belief corresponds with the Bible. Please study to show yourself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. I am searching all the Scriptures for proof. If you find proof in the Scriptures you have a good foundation on which to work but if you just have your own ideas some man will sometime make you take background.

Peace will be taken from the earth when the second seal is opened so don't

believe that this seal has been opened yet. There has been murder and crime in the earth ever since the days of Cain and Abel, but if you think peace has been taken from the earth, you just wait until the second seal is opened. You can say then you are having trouble. If the first rider should come in a rough way people would be afraid to trust him, but he will come in a nice way, as we have already said. He will get people to back him up in his plans and obey him and he will get them where he wants them. He will cause craft to prosper, factories will flourish and all the companies will have plenty of prosperity for three and a half years, but after that look out. All of this will come through and by Antichrist. Don't be deceived, hold on to God and miss all this that is coming on the earth.

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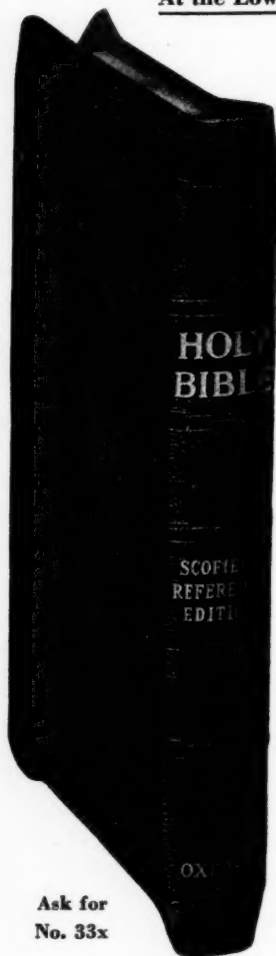
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